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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, 1.97-1.98,
Applicants hereby call the following documents, which were cited in the
International Search Report, to the Examiner's attention:

JP 60-14770 A, laid-open January 25, 1985, which is accompanied by an
English language translation of the abstract;

JP 11-176412 A, laid-open July 2, 1999, which is accompanied by an
English language translation of the abstract;

JP 2000-077103, laid-open March 14, 2000, which is accompanied by an
English language translation of the abstract;

JP 2001-345086, laid-open December 14, 2001, which is accompanied by an English language translation of the abstract;

JP Laid-Open Unexamined Utility Model Publication No. 6-5111, laid-open January 21, 1994, which is accompanied by an English language translation of the claims;

JP 2001-110371, laid-open April 20, 2001, which is accompanied by an English language translation of the abstract;

JP 2001-093488, laid-open April 6, 2001, which is accompanied by an English language translation of the abstract; and

JP 2000-340210, laid-open December 8, 2000, which is accompanied by an English language translation of the abstract.

Additionally, in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. Hei 10-106533, laid-open April 24, 2004, which is accompanied by an English language translation of the abstract and which is cited on page 3 of the specification;

JP 11-176421, laid-open July 2, 1999, which is accompanied by an English language translation of the abstract;

U.S. Patent 6,524,739 to IWAIZONO et al., issued February 25, 2003; and

U.S. Patent Application Publication 2004/0053126 to HIRANO et al.,
published March 18, 2004.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite the above-noted documents.

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the International Search Authority is set forth in the International Search Report for the documents cited therein.

Applicants further note that a copy of the International Search Report was filed on July 15, 2004, concurrently with the filing of the present application.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(i), a copy of the U.S. patent and the U.S. patent application publication are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Copies of the foreign documents, as well as English language translations of the abstracts of the foreign language documents, are attached and all the documents have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate space on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants also call to the Examiner's attention the following commonly assigned patent application:

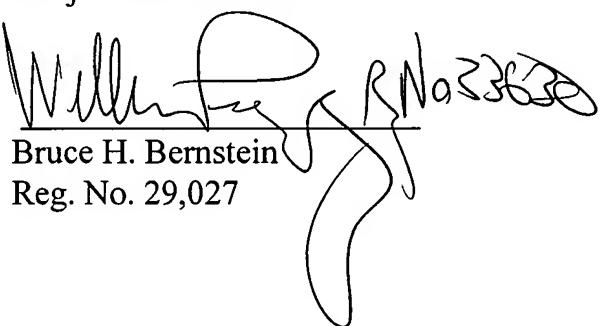
U.S. Application No. 10/862,378 to ASAHINA et al., filed June 8, 2004.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-mentioned application is attached hereto. However, the Examiner is requested to review the entire file wrapper of the U.S. patent application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Of course, if for any reason the Examiner cannot locate the application, Applicants will provide any requested materials, if possible.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	1	English Language Abstract of JP 60-014770.
	2	English Language Abstract of JP 11-176412.
	3	English Language Abstract of JP 2000-077103.
	4	English Language Abstract of JP 2001-345086.
	5	English Language translation of the Claims of JP 6-5111.
	6	English Language Abstract of JP 2001-110371.
	7	English Language Abstract of JP 2001-093488.
	8	English Language Abstract of JP 2000-340210.
	9	English Language Abstract of JP 10-106533.
1	0	English Language Abstract of JP 11-176421.

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